

SEMI-WEEKLY SOUTH KENTUCKIAN.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1885.
CHAS. M. MEACHAM - Editor.

It is stated that the Chinese government will demand indemnity for the celestials murdered recently by the miners at Rock Spring, Wyoming.

If Urey Woodson expects to quit the newspaper business in the event he gets the Owensboro post-office, we are against him. We can't spare him from the profession.

Jumbo, Barnum's big elephant, was killed by a collision with a freight train in Canada last week. He was 11½ feet high, weighed 7 tons and cost \$10,000 in Europe.

The Hopkinsville SOUTH KENTUCKIAN is justly jubilant over the completion and occupation of its new building. When a country newspaper gets able to own a building it is an appropriate time for jubilation. The Messenger rejoices with its esteemed contemporary at this evidence of success.—Owensboro Messenger.

The Tobacco Celebration in Louisville last week was the biggest thing that city has seen for years. The papers were chock full of it and the Courier-Journal had to issue a mammoth twenty-page edition to meet the demands of advertisers. It is estimated that 40,000 persons attended the Exposition on Thursday.

The editorial force of the Courier-Journal seldom remains unchanged for a year at a time. Another of the periodical "shake-ups" is announced. Polk Johnson, of the Evening Times is to succeed Geo. Jones as managing editor and Mr. Jones will become managing editor of the Commercial, Robt. Brown, city editor of the Times, will succeed Geo. Burroughs, as city editor of the Courier-Journal. The public is left in suspense as to what will become of Dan O'Sullivan and Young Allison, two of the brainiest factors of Louisville journalism.

The Henderson Journal says the "loyal counties of the district will send up a deafening shout for Ellis," when he announces himself for Congress. If the Journal, which is now engaged in throwing mud at the Democratic representative of the district, represents the party loyalty of its county, the shout that will be sent up from Henderson for Mr. Ellis will not amount to an ordinary stage whisper. It may be that "the hills will swell out and the trees will spread themselves for him," but unless he takes the precaution to muzzle some of his friends he is not in any immediate danger of being "the next Congressman from the 2nd district."

Hardin county has a public school fund of about \$40,000. It has over one hundred public schools, four colleges and academies, and female seminaries. It has seventy-three churches of all the leading denominations. Two railroads running entirely through it and the prospect of a third. It has on Mudrigh's Hill the acknowledged finest fruit section between the Alleghany and Rocky Mountains. It is out of debt and only requires a tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars and a poll of \$2.50 to pay all the county expenditures. It has not a saloon within its borders and intoxicating liquors are not allowed to be sold for any purpose whatever. It has fine timber and a large area of fertile soil. The farmers are enlightened and progressive, using all the improved agricultural implements and every year improving the grade of their stock. Its people are healthy and happy and extend a cordial welcome to strangers to come and live among them.—Elizabethtown News.

And it may be added that she has one of the best weekly newspapers in the State—the Elizabethtown News.

We were pained to see some very spiteful remarks about Hon. Polk Laffoon in the last issue of the Henderson Journal, of which the following comment on a letter written by him as a sample:

Laffoon doubtless thinks that by the use of such silly wit that he is thereby paving his way to a second election, but the sky fox is mistaken. Laffoon is serving his first and only term in the Congress of the United States, mark that. A large majority of the voters of the district will know his size before many clouds shall roll by, and when fully found out it may fit County Magistrate's chair but none larger."

This sort of stabbing in the back shows that venom rankles in the heart of the editor of the Journal, no doubt because Mr. Laffoon found it necessary to defeat a Henderson opponent in order to become a Congressman. This is all wrong and can do no possible good. The Journal knows that Mr. Laffoon was fairly nominated and elected and if he is the choice of a majority of the Democrats of the district it is certainly the duty of the press of his party to give him a chance to make a record of some kind before he is assailed. Mr. Laffoon has never taken his seat in Congress, but his work outside of the House has been very creditable to him and very satisfactory to his constituency. He is making a working member and no Kentucky member has been more industrious or untiring in looking after the interests of his people than Mr. Laffoon. Our Henderson contemporary should remember that the next Congressional election is more than a year off and for the present wage war upon the common enemy, as our Congressman is so effectively doing.

THE CHOLERA.

A Gradual Decrease Reported.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Twenty cases of cholera have been reported in Paris during the past three days. The sanitary officials claim that the disease is sporadic, not Asiatic cholera, and that the cool weather prevailing has made the cases more severe than is general at this season of the year.

MADRID, Sept. 17.—There were 883 new cases of cholera and 337 deaths from the disease reported yesterday throughout Spain.

TOULON, Sept. 17.—Two deaths from cholera occurred here last night.

ROME, Sept. 17.—During the past twenty-four hours there were eighteen deaths from cholera in Palermo and twenty new cases and six deaths in Parma. Thirty-six new cases of cholera have been reported in Palermo during the past twenty-four hours.

The officials of Gibraltar have sent a strong appeal to the Lord Mayor of London for assistance to alleviate the distress prevailing on account of the cholera.

TOULON, Sept. 18.—There were three deaths from cholera reported here last night. All of them occurred in the suburbs.

Four deaths from cholera were reported to-day. There are now forty-three cases under treatment in the city.

ROME, Sept. 18.—At Parma to-day five new cases of cholera and four deaths were reported. In the city of Palermo, Sicily, the epidemic is increasing to an alarming extent.

The popular prejudice against doctors aggravates the situation.

MARSEILLE, Sept. 18.—Seven deaths from cholera occurred here to-day. Considerable excitement has been caused by the arrival of a transport bringing French troops from Tonquin. Fourteen of the soldiers had died from cholera on the voyage, and two more have died since the arrival of the vessel here. Many others are down with the disease.

MADRID, Sept. 19.—Throughout Spain yesterday there were 998 new cases of cholera reported, and 337 deaths from the disease.

ROME, Sept. 19.—During the past 24 hours 224 new cases of cholera and 163 deaths from the disease were reported in Palermo, a large increase over the preceding twenty-four hours.

Thirteen new cases of cholera and six deaths were reported in Parma to-day, two new cases and one death in Reggio Nell'Emilia, and one new case each in Geneva, Leghorn and Massa Carrara. The Directo states that during the past twenty-four hours there were 210 new cases and 160 deaths in Palermo.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The Italian ports have increased the stringency of their quarantine rules against Sicily. The quarantine at Palermo has been abolished.

The Evening Echo came out smiling every day during the Methodist Conference in Greenville, last week.

A swell wedding occurred in Bowling Green last Wednesday. The bride was named Ackerman and the groom Kister.

Nanz & Neuner, the Louisville florists, have issued their catalogue of Holland bulbs for fall planting. Write to them for one.

Hon. Jno. H. Litsey, member-elect from Washington county to the Legislature, committed matrimony last week, the lady identified being Miss Sallie Hall, of Washington county. The knot was tied by Rev. W. G. Davis.

Mr. J. S. Noblitt has retired from the Clarksville Chronicle and Mr. W. W. Covington becomes part owner of the paper with Mr. W. P. Titus, the firm name being Titus & Covington. Mr. Noblitt has been identified with the business interests of the Chronicle for 36 years.

The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias met in annual session Tuesday morning in Paris, and after two days and nights, the session closed Thursday afternoon to meet again in September, 1886, in Newport. The following Grand officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. G. Moore, Louisville, Past Grand Chancellor; Edward Atkinson, of Henderson, Grand Chancellor; W. N. Rudy, of Maysville, Grand Vice Chancellor; H. H. Abernathy, of Hopkinsville, Grand Prelate; George W. Menz, of Louisville, Master of Exchequer; A. J. Lovely, Paris, K. of R. and S.; J. W. Carter, Owensboro, Master of Arms; Wade Sheltman, Louisville, Inside Guard; Charles Whittaker Jellico, Outside Guard. Trustees—Geo. L. Smith, Louisville; Bryan Hopper, Hopkinsville, and W. O. Ford, Covington. W. W. Blackwell, of Henderson, was selected as Supreme Representative to Toronto in July, 1886. The city of Paris was formally turned over to the order upon the first day's session, and every house in the city was handsomely decorated, and the Knights were treated in handsome style.

The Governor has commissioned Hon. Wm. B. Harrison, of Lebanon; Hon. Clarence U. McElroy, of Bowling Green, and Hon. Malcolm Yeoman, of Henderson, as Special Judges of the Supreme Court to hear and decide the case of John J. Cornelius vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Jas. H. Taylor, a married man, eloped from Frankfort with Miss Malvina Daily, a sixteen-year-old girl.

An Unwarranted Assault.

The Evansville Journal of Sept. 12th contained a letter from a correspondent at Morganfield criticising Hon. Polk Laffoon, post-master at Waverly, Ky., removed, and Tom Pike, a Democrat, appointed in his stead. This correspondent harps upon the fact that Vaupel was a Union soldier while Pike was a Confederate soldier, and his strictures led the Journal to give his letter the following editorial notice:

"A communication published to-day, containing a copy of a letter from Hon. Polk Laffoon, congressman-elect in the Henderson district of Kentucky contains an account of how Union soldiers are turned out of office and Confederates appointed in their place by this Democratic administration. It appears that Mr. Laffoon is working to place Confederates on the pension rolls! What do Union men think of this?"

The letter alluded to is herewith reproduced:

"OFFICE OF POLK LAFFOON,
"ATTORNEY AT LAW,
"MADISONVILLE, KY., APR. 14, 1885.
"J. W. Hager, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your last letter and the only one I have received from you and am sorry that my continuous bad health and overwhelming correspondence has delayed my answering sooner. As I did not receive your first letter, I can't exactly understand what you want to know; but the letter I have from you refers to that. I have agreed to recommend Tom Pike for the post-office at Waverly, and after consulting with many people in reference to the matter. Pike was an old Confederate comrade of mine, having given one leg as an evidence of devotion to principle, and my experience has been that this character of man, if otherwise competent, will make a faithful officer. This is the only way that this poor fellow will ever have to draw a pension, and I am desirous to see him get it. However I want to do right to the Waverly community, and if it can be made to appear to me that he is in any way unfit to fill the place I will be the last man to recommend him. You have my views on the subject, and I have not recommended Pike yet, but will unless I am convinced that he is fit to fill the place. I will be pleased to hear from you at any time on this subject. Yours truly,

"POLK LAFFOON."

It will readily appear to a person of ordinary understanding that the Journal's construction is an unwarranted perversion of the facts. No sensible man will believe that Mr. Laffoon's jocular allusion to the salary of the post-master as a pension, indicates, in any respect, a desire upon his part to place Confederate soldiers upon the pension rolls. The very next sentence in his letter shows what kind of a man Mr. Laffoon is. He declares that his personal friend and ex-comrade would be the last man he would recommend if his fitness for the place should be shown. Mr. Laffoon was himself an ex-confederate and is drawing a "pension" in the way of a salary, but so belongs to that class of patriotic citizens who realize that the war has been over for twenty years. It is only a few bloody-shirt idiots and fanatics who have not yet found out this fact. There are Confederate soldiers in the Cabinet, rebel soldiers now holding office as Republicans and Union soldiers drawing the "pensions" of Democratic officials all over the country and yet the Journal and its correspondent feel called upon to fly to arms to save the country because an ex-confederate soldier has been appointed to a country post-office in Democratic Kentucky. Perhaps the Journal does not know that one of Mr. Laffoon's colleagues is Union general and that the Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky also wore the blue. They were elected by rebel Democrats who are not still fighting the dead issues of the civil war. Mr. Laffoon has recommended R. C. Speed, a Union soldier, for post-master at Madisonville, his own town. Does this look like he is putting out Union soldiers to make room for rebels? No, the fact of the business is that Mr. Laffoon is now in Washington for the purpose of cleaning out Republican office-holders in his District. He is a Democrat who believes that a Democratic administration should be run by Democrats and wherever he sees a Republican head he hits it. Honesty, capacity and Democracy are the requisites that govern his recommendations and this attempt to accuse him of favoring Pike simply because he was a Confederate soldier, is a gross injustice to him.

The Journal is usually fair and conservative in its politics, but in this instance it has departed from its usual course. While the letter published was a private one, still there is nothing in it that need even an explanation from Mr. Laffoon. No prejudiced reader will jump at conclusions which the very next sentence will contradict, if the whole letter is published. It is only by producing garbled extracts, as the Henderson Journal saw fit to do, that the writer's true meaning is obscured and the facts perverted. The two Journals located at the terminus of what should be the connecting link between the new north and south, should devote their energies to some more laudable purpose than misrepresenting a man whose patriotism and devotion to principle are unquestioned.

Very Respectfully,
C. F. JARRETT, Pres.

Dr. B. S. WOOD,
GEO. W. MEANS,
C. D. BELL,
DR. J. C. WHITLOCK,
H. H. ABERNATHY,
THOS. L. GRAHAM

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THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION

WILL BE HELD ON THEIR GROUNDS, NEAR THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE,

—ON THE—

1, 2 and 3 days

—OF—

OCTOBER, '85.

The Premium Lists are now ready for circulation, and all desirous to contend for premiums will please call at the office of Secretary or on the President or Directors, and obtain them for free distribution among their friends.

The directory in giving their personal time and attention to this

COUNTY ENTERPRISE,

have a right to expect and do expect the co-operation of all the citizens of Christian, whether stock-holders or not in their efforts to build up and sustain this institution which has so greatly contributed to foster a spirit of rivalry among our farmers and stock raisers, and has elevated the standard of Agricultural and Mechanical pursuits.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY A. & M. A.

now in its 21st year, since its re-organization, points with pride to the fact that while other like societies have failed and been abandoned, she has kept the even tenor of her way, and has never failed or refused to pay all the premiums awarded. This she has been able to do, because the people have turned out and have made our meetings the day long an Annual Re-union of families and friends, but if the people fail to patronize us then we cannot pay, as we must rely on our gate receipts to meet the demands upon us.

THERE WILL BE AWARDED IN THE SPEED RINGS THE SUM OF

\$1000 IN CASH.

All runs will be best in 5, except such as in $\frac{1}{2}$ mile heats.

THERE WILL BE A

Fine Band of Music

in the Amphitheatre to perform during the three days of the meeting, and refreshments of all kinds as usual will be on the grounds.

The entire premium list this year will be paid by the Treasurer in

CASH!

We hope we will not appeal in vain to the people of the county for their countenance and support. The President and Directors have given their time and attention to this work without fee or reward, the office of President or Director is not a desirable one, and they think they may therefore appeal to the whole community, both city and county to give their hearty aid and help to make this the grandest meeting and most enjoyable occasion we have had for 21 years.

Very Respectfully,

C. F. JARRETT, Pres.

B. F. MITCHELL, G. P. A., LOUISVILLE KY.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1885.

TIME TABLE FOR TRAINS.

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ARRIVE FROM SOUTH	7:00 A. M.	7:45 A. M.	9:30 P. M.
ARRIVE FROM NORTH	8:30 A. M.	9:15 A. M.	10:45 P. M.
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